

URBAN CORRIDORS OFFICE UPDATE

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PURPOSE:

To update the Commission on the status of the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID), the funding vehicle that could provide resources for significant portions of the state's major highway projects in King County.

ACTION/OUTCOME:

No action is required by the Commission.

BACKGROUND:

The 2002 Washington State Legislature authorized the creation of the Regional Transportation Investment District (RTID). This funding mechanism allows King County, Pierce County and/or Snohomish County to form a funding district to raise revenues to make improvements to highways of statewide significance, approaches to highways of statewide significance, and a small percentage of off-system improvements. All three counties agreed to form a planning committee, made up of all the county council members in the 3-county area and led by ex-officio member Secretary of Transportation Doug MacDonald, to explore which taxes and projects could be funded and built. The Planning Committee is guided by a 7-member Executive Committee, with two council members from Snohomish and Pierce each, and three council members from King County. The Executive Committee spent most of 2003 developing a draft plan, but difficulties in King County and the results from recent polling led the Executive Committee in December 2003 to postpone their release of a draft plan until more consensus is built in King County.

DISCUSSION:

The results from the recent polling information will be discussed, as well as current issues facing the RTID Executive and Planning Committees.

RECOMMENDATION:

None. No action is necessary.

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